

Statement of Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13-14, 16, 17, 20, 21 and 24 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The prior art made of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art fails to teach, in combination with the remaining elements:

a method of automatically refreshing the transaction screen on the client with updated data if user input to the transaction screen is not received by the server within a pre-determined period of time, wherein refreshing the transaction screen comprises: starting a timer that times out after a pre-determined period of time has lapsed; once the timer times out, simulating user input requesting that the transaction screen be refreshed, the simulating being performed by the server; and refreshing the transaction screen with updated data in response to the simulated user input as recited, or similarly recited in claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17 and 21.

The closest prior art, Galant (US 6,839,686) and Wright et al. ("Wright", US 7,089,508 B1), show a similar method for refreshing a computer screen. However, Galant and Wright, singularly or in combination still fail to anticipate or render the above cited limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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